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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2002-349861, which was filed December 2, 2002, and application No. 2003-027189, which was filed February 4, 2003, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and Rule 55.

Acknowledgment of the priority document(s) is respectfully requested to ensure that the subject information appears on the printed patent.

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